

REMARKS

Claims 25 through 33 are pending in this Application. Claims 21 through 24 have been cancelled and claims 25 and 33 amended. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Indeed, the amendments to claims 25 and 33 address formalistic issues and come at the suggestion of the Examiner. Applicant submits that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

Claim Objections.

The Examiner objected to claims 25 and 33 identifying perceived informalities and courteously suggesting remedial language. In response, claim 25 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner and the regrettable typographical oversight in claim 33 corrected. Applicants, therefore, solicit withdrawal of the objections to claims 25 and 33.

Claims 21 through 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 for obviousness predicated upon Gilliland et al. in view of Nakaya et al.

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 for obviousness predicated upon Gilliland et al. in view of Nakaya et al. and Matsubara et al.


Each of the above rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is traversed. Indeed, each of the above rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been rendered moot by canceling claims 21 through 24.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 25 through 37. Based upon the foregoing it should be apparent that the claim objections have been overcome and that this Application should be passed to issue. Favorable consideration is, therefore, solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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